(SRI B. D. JATTI)

the Government. We have considered. If the Select Committee comes to the conclusion that there is scope for putting additional tax on hotel keepers, that point may be considered by the House.

The same Hon'ble Member has suggested the same suggestion made by various other Hon'ble Members that foodgrains should not be taxed. As I have already said this point will be considered in the Select Committee. The Hon'ble Member has also suggested that instead of taxing essential articles like cement, Government may increase the tax on drinks such as liquors, etc. Sir, in the case of cement, the increase proposed is only one percent and not more than that. Liquors are always subject to a Sales-tax of 25 per cent, in addition to excise duty. Again, Sales-tax on country liquors is 8 per cent. Further, there will be taxes like health cess at nine per cent. There are the taxes wich are paid by the people who are dealing in toddy and some liquors. This point may be considered by the Select Committee and if they come to the conclusion that there is still some scope, I am not saying we should not rase the percentage of tax on liquors.

(*Interruptions*).

In the name of health and in the name of doctors many people have the opportunity of taking it. That also will be taken into consideration.

It was suggested that dealers in timber who have collected tax at three per cent will have to pay only two per cent to Government and that the excess tax will be pocketed by them if this Bill becomes an Act. It is not correct, Sir. Under the provisions of the present Act, there is a clause for verifying the excess tax collected and if any tax has been collected over and above, it has to be credited to Government. If this provision is not sufficient we can think of having another provision which already exists in the present Act.

These are some of the important points which were raised by Hon'ble Members. I have tried to reply in brief. Because all these points will have to be considered by the Select Committee, I do not wish to take much time of the Hon'ble House.

SRI K. LAKKAPPA.—Multi-point tax will lead to inflation in the country. The Hon'ble Minister did not say anything about it.

SRI B. D. JATTI.—Sir, multi-point tax is already in vogue in the State. It has stood the test of time and I think it is better. The Select Committee will have scope to discuss any other point contained in the Bill and the members may consider this aspect also and their conclusions may be considered by this House.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"The Mysore Sales-Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

Motion to refer to a Select Committee.

SRI B. D. JATTI.—Sir, I beg to move:

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Mr. SPEAKER.—It is needless to say that the Hon'ble Minister for Law and the Hon'ble Minister for Finance in charge of the Bill are *ex-officio* members. The Hon'ble Minister for Finance will be the Chairman of the Committee.

The House will now adjourn and meet again at 8.30 A.M. tomorrow.

The House adjourned at Six of the Clock to meet again at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock On Saturday, the 15th September 1962.